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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT ON WESTERN COUNTRIES WHO HAD CONSULATES
IN MOZAMBIQUE PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE

REF: (A) LOURENCO MARQUES 700; (B) LOURENCO MARQUES 717

1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF SITUATION OF AND ACTIONS TAKEN BY
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WESTERN CONSULATES IN LOURENCO MARQUES, ALL OF WHICH ARE

"CLOSED" BUT MAINTAINING AT LEAST SKELETON STAFF IN PLACE HERE.

2. UNITED KINGDOM: DESPITE BRITISH MINISTER OF STATE DAVID ENNALS INTERVIEW WITH FRELIMO VICE PRESIDENT MARCELINO DOS SANTOS DURING ENNALS' RECENT VISIT (REF A), BRITISH AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE LEWEN RETURNED TO BRUSSELS WITHOUT HAVING RECEIVED AGREEMENT WHICH BRITISH INTENDED TO USE AS SIGNAL TO OPEN NEW EMBASSY. ONLY WESTERN CONSUL GENERAL, OTHER THAN MYSELF, STILL HERE IS STANLEY DUNCAN. HE SAW FOREIGN MINISTER CHISUANO ON JULY 4. (SEE SEPTEL).

3. WEST GERMANY: FRG CONSUL GENERAL DEPARTED LOURENCO MARQUES PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE. VICE CONSUL IN CHARGE, HANSEN, TOLD CONOFF JULY 3 HE HAD DELIVERED MESSAGE FOR MACHEL FROM PRESIDENT SCHDEL TO PRIMIN CHISSANO'S OFFICE ON JUNE 24. MESSAGE CONGRATULATED MACHEL ON INDEPENDENCE AND PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. HANSEN SAID HE HAD BEEN CONSIDERING RECOMMENDING THAT FRG SEND SPECIAL ENVOY TO DISCUSS ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PRM BUT HAD DECIDED THAT COURSE OF ACTION WOULD BE UNDIGNIFIED AND SUGGEST THAT FRG WAS OVERLY EAGER ESTABLISH RELATIONS. HANSEN'S VIEW IS THAT BILL IS NOW IN PRM'S COURT.

4. FRANCE: FRENCH VICE CONSUL IN CHARGE, DES BOUGGUES, TOLD CONOFF JULY 3 HE HAS HAD VIRTUALLY NO GUIDANCE FROM PARIS. SINCE DEPARTURE OF FRENCH CONSUL GENERAL PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE. HE DOES NOT PLAN TO ASK FOR AGREEMENT FOR NEW AMBASSADOR IN NEAR FUTURE BECAUSE HE HAS BEEN ADVISED BY PARIS THAT THERE IS SOME PROBLEM WITH CANDIDATE. HE PLANS TO LIE LOW UNTIL DUST SETTLES, THEN ATTEMPT TO MAKE ROUTINE CONTACT WITH FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY. HE BELIEVES PRM WILL OPEN RELATIONS WITH ALL WESTERN COUNTRIES IN THEIR OWN GOOD TIME.

5. BRAZIL: BRAZILIAN CONSUL GENERAL LEFT BEFORE INDEPENDENCE. WE ARE RELIABLY INFORMED THAT BRAZILIAN CONSUL IN CHARGE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO AWAIT RESPONSE FROM MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT TO PREVIOUS APPROACHES TO FRELIMO.

6. ITALY: ITALIAN CONSULATE GENERAL HERE ALSO DELIVERED TEXTS OF CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES FROM ITALIAN CHIEF OF STATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

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FOREIGN MINISTER. AT SAME TIME, ITALIAN AMBASSADOR TO DAR ES SALAAM TOZZOLI WAS SENT TO LOURENCO MARQUES PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE IN HOPE HE COULD PRESENT CREDENTIALS SHORTLY THEREAFTER. TOZZOLI WAS NOT INVITED TO ANY OF INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES. AFTER INDEPENDENCE, HE HAS REPEATEDLY SOUGHT APPOINTMENT (AT LEAST 50 TELEPHONE REQUESTS) TO DISCUSS PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS AND IS STILL HERE COOLING HIS HEELS.

7. SWITZERLAND: NEW SWISS CONSUL WHO ARRIVED IN MAY IS STILL HERE. SWISS AMBASSADOR IN DAR ES SALAAM ATTENDED INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES BUT MADE NO PROGRESS ON AGREEMENT. SEE REF B.

8. GENERAL: NONE OF THE CONSULAR OFFICES OR OFFICERS REMAINING IN LOURENCO MARQUES NOR, AS FAR AS WE KNOW, THE LOCAL STAFF OF THEIR CONSULATES HAVE BEEN HARASSED BY PRM. MOST ARE CONTINUING TO SEND ENCODED TELEX MESSAGES AND TO RECEIVE DIPLOMATIC COURIER POUCHES. IT IS BEGINNING TO APPEAR THAT THE PRM IS PURSUING ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS SYSTEMATICALLY ACCORDING TO THEIR PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IDEOLOGICAL "WELTANSCHAUUNG". ON JULY 4 OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE WAS PUBLISHED IN NOTICIAS ANNOUNCING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH HUNGARY. (THIS IS FIRST SUCH COMMUNIQUE SINCE INDEPENDENCE.) THERE ARE STILL OTHER "FRATERNAL" AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND "NATURAL" SOCIALIST ALLIES WITH WHOM DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS HAVE YET TO BE ESTABLISHED. MOREOVER, THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR HAS YET TO PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS. AS WILL BE SEEN FROM SEPTEL, THE BRITISH (AS WELL AS SWISS AND ITALIAN) FORMULA OF SEEKING AGREEMENT BEFORE THE ISSUANCE OF A COMMUNIQUE OR THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES REGARDING MUTUAL AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS HAS NOT WORKED. AS AMBASSADOR CARTER CORRECTLY SURMISED, THE FRELIMO LEADERS ARE EXTREMELY CONSCIOUS OF STATUS AND PROTOCOL AND THEY HAVE ASKED BRITISH FOR ANOTHER LETTER FROM UK MINISTER REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS RATHER THAN THE AGREEMENT FOR AN AMBASSADOR.

9. COMMENT: SIGNED ORIGINAL OF SECRETARY'S JUNE 17 LETTER FOR PRESIDENT MACHEL IS BEING HAND CARRIED FROM PRETORIA ON JULY 9. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, WILL SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CHISSANO TO DELIVER LETTER TO HIM PERSONALLY AND, IF APPOINTMENT GRANTED, WILL CONFINE MYSELF TO SAYING THAT WE

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WISH TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY, MUTUAL RESPECT AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. WILL NOT PRESS CHISSANO FOR HIS REACTION BUT WILL SIMPLY ASK WHEN WE MIGHT EXPECT REPLY. MEANWHILE, AMONG OPTIONS SUGGESTED IN PARA 4, REF A, I BELIEVE DEPT SHOULD TAKE NO ACTION ON (A) AND (C) BUT STRONGLY SUGGEST IT EXPEDITE COMPLETION OF CLEARANCE FOR REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT. WITH THIS IN HAND, WE WOULD BE READY TO SUBMIT NAME AS SOON AS PRM REPLIES TO SECRETARY'S NOTE.

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